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UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action, dated September 13, 2002 (Paper No. 19, hereinafter, "the Office Action") the shortened statutory period for response is being extended to January 13, 2003 by Request for Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, under 37 CFR §1.111, of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amended claims, newly added claims and Remarks.